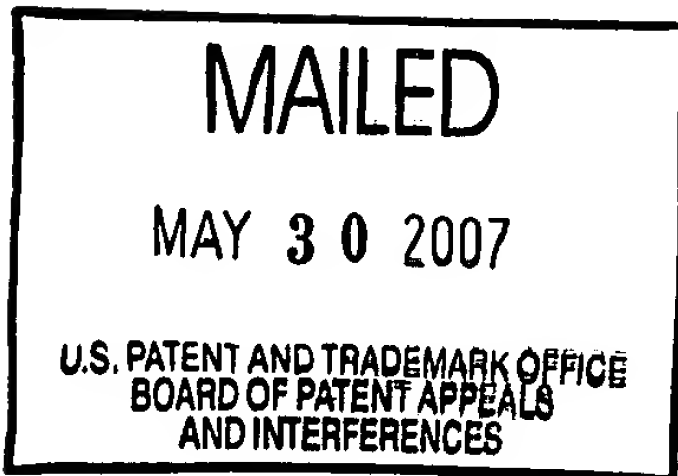


UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES



Ex parte TORE NAUTA et al.

Application 09/944,318

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received electronically at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on March 21, 2007. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being electronically returned to the examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below:

An examination of the Image File Wrapper (IFW) reveals that a paper entitled "Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.144" (hereinafter "Petition") was filed


on May 1, 2006. There is nothing in the IFW to reflect that this Petition has been considered.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner:

- 1) for consideration of the Petition filed May 1, 2006; and
- 2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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